

BRIDGE ACROSS THE COLUMBIA RIVER AT VANTAGE
FERRY, WASH.

FEBRUARY 26, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BURTNES, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3641]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3641) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Vantage Ferry, Wash., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

[Second indorsement]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
December 20, 1924.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, S. 3641, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Vantage Ferry, Wash., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Columbia River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 20, 1924.

HON. WESLEY L. JONES,
*Chairman Committee on Commerce,
United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, transmitting a copy of the bill S. 3641, with the request that the committee be

furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would authorize the State of Washington, or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Columbia River on State route No. 7 at Vantage Ferry, between Grant and Kittitas Counties. The proposed bridge would be on an important highway in the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Washington and will be a free bridge. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

